



Newsletter 26.06.26

Dear Families,

As we move into the final few weeks of term, it has been wonderful to see the rich range of experiences our children have enjoyed beyond the classroom. From educational visits and local trips to enrichment activities, these opportunities have really brought learning to life and created lasting memories. We are incredibly proud of how the children have represented the school while out in the community.

Reports will be shared with families very soon, giving you a clear picture of your child's progress and achievements over the year. We hope you enjoy celebrating all they have accomplished.

At this time of year, we also begin to look ahead. New classes will be announced on **7th July**, with **Transition Day taking place on 8th July**. This is always an exciting milestone for the children as they spend time getting to know their new teacher and classroom.

We understand that change can bring a mixture of excitement and nerves. Our staff have already begun working closely with children who may be feeling a little uncertain, ensuring they feel supported, reassured and ready for the next step.

We are also looking forward to welcoming families into school for **parent workshops with the new teachers in the final week of term**. These sessions will provide a valuable opportunity to meet staff, hear about expectations for the year ahead, and ask any questions you may have.

Finally, thank you for your overwhelming support in the heat this week. It has been a challenge but staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the children have been happy, settled and as cool as possible over the course of the week.

With a busy and exciting final three weeks ahead, we look forward to making the most of every opportunity together.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Gordon

Attendance



Winners of the class attendance for 5th June 26th June are:

Nursery - KS1

1FT - 96%

RCA - 99%

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1FT - 94%

KS2

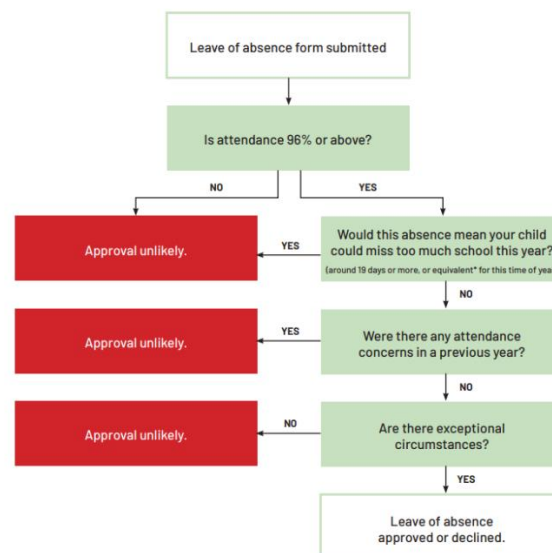
5KG - 96%

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3LC - 96%

Considering a Holiday in Term time?



Term-Time Absence Request

We would like to remind parents and carers that we now have had updated version of our Absence Request in Term Time form since the start of the year.

The new form is available to download from the school website or can be collected from the school office. If preferred, we are happy to send a copy electronically or provide a printed version.

Please ensure the form is **completed in full**. Ideally, completed forms should be returned to the school office in person or scanned and emailed to the school office. Photographs of the completed and signed form will be accepted; however, we would prefer to receive the

original document wherever possible. Parents/carers **full legal names**, address and **signatures MUST** be on the forms otherwise they will not be processed.

If you have saved or printed a previous version of the form, please delete and dispose of it. If an old version is submitted, or if any required information is missing, you will be asked to complete the new form or provide the missing information before we can process your request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reporting Child Illness on Arbor



To improve the accuracy and efficiency of our attendance reporting, we now ask that illness absences be recorded via **Arbor**.

To log an absence, please:

1. Log in to Arbor
2. Select **Quick Actions**
3. Click **Attendance**
4. Click the green **Log Absence** button
5. Select a reason and provide full details (e.g., “Sick on 6th March – high temperature,” “Tonsillitis,” “Chicken pox,” etc.)
6. Click the green **Log Absence** button again to submit

Important reminders:

- Absences must be logged on the **day of illness**. You cannot log an absence in advance.
- Each day of absence must be recorded separately.
- If your child is absent for several days, we may contact you to check on their wellbeing.

Please use Arbor as first option for reporting illness. On the phone line, signals can be unreliable, messages aren't always clear, and class names may be missed. Emails are also less reliable than Arbor, as inboxes are very full first thing in the morning and may not be dealt with in a timely manner.

Using Arbor ensures improved accuracy, faster processing, and helps us keep attendance records up to date.

Of course, if you need to speak to a member of staff to discuss your child's absence in more detail, we are always happy to do so. We will also continue to contact you to discuss absence if more details are required, or we can offer support in any way.

If you are having any issues using this system, please get in touch and we will be happy to help.

Stars of the Week



We are super proud of our stars over the last few weeks:

Reception

Molly, Toby, Ivy, Penelope, Lottie, Alby

Year 1

Jayson, Arabella, Braydon

Year 2

Logan H, Emi, Evlynne, Harlow, Willow S

Year 3

Hashir, Jaxon, Carla, Aliyana, Mireya

Year 4

Gracie, Bronwyn, Reuben, Harley, Skyla

Year 5

Ollie O, Rhea, Elliott, Daisy, Dolci, Lily, Louis

Year 6

Heath, Luna, Harper, Nevaeh

Big Chef Little Chef

Selected children from Years 4, 5 and 6 had a fantastic time visiting Studley High School to take part in the 'Big Chef, Little Chef' programme. During the session, the children worked alongside older students to create a range of delicious bakes, which they later shared with their families at a special afternoon tea.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to collaborate, learn new skills and build confidence in the kitchen. Everyone had great fun – and there were certainly plenty of yummy treats to enjoy!









Sports Day Success!

We were thrilled to host two fantastic Sports Days last week—EYFS and KS1 on Wednesday, followed by KS2 on Thursday. It was wonderful to see such enthusiastic participation from all our pupils, who showed great energy, teamwork and determination throughout the events.

We were especially grateful that the weather was kind to us, with both the rain and heatwave holding off, allowing everyone to enjoy the days to the fullest.

A huge thank you goes to all staff, volunteers and supporters who helped organise and run the events so smoothly. Your efforts made the days seamless, enjoyable and memorable for the children. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Harris for representing the Webheath

Friends association, by selling refreshments for the events, and even helping to litter pick and ensure the safety of our school field at the end, you are superstars!











Cricket Festival

Year 2 had a fantastic time at the cricket festival, showing great enthusiasm as they practised a range of cricket skills. From throwing and bowling to batting, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, encouraged one another, and gave their very best effort throughout the morning. They represented our school wonderfully and should be very proud of themselves. Well done, Year 2!





Year 1 Smite Farm

Year 1 had a wonderful day visiting Lower Smite Farm, where they explored the exciting world of gardening. The children learned all about planting conditions, picking crops and seed dispersal, and also spent time in the forest discovering different trees and the beauty of nature. There were lots of hands-on activities, including creating their own 'tree bugs' and 'seed bombs', which really inspired our future gardeners! It was a lovely day filled with fun and learning, and the children did us proud by showing excellent manners and demonstrating our school values throughout the trip.



















Year 3 Attwell Farm

As part of our Geography topic, 'Where does our food come from?' we enjoyed a visit to Attwell farm where we met a range of livestock animals which helped us to understand where meat comes from. We also were lucky enough to meet some more exotic animals from around the world.



Year 5 Churchfields Farm

Year 5 had a brilliant (if very hot) day at Churchfield's Farm on Tuesday 23rd June. The children enjoyed the whole farm to themselves and learnt lots of information about their farm-to-fork topic. They explored salt production, ice-cream making and discussed the

importance of giving cows a good and happy life while they are at the farm. Some of the highlights were feeding the goats, seeing the highland cows (and the calf) and getting to taste the ice-cream. The children behaved brilliantly and the staff were very impressed with how well they all represented our school.













Year 3 Science Workshop



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Pre-School News

It has been another exciting few weeks in Preschool, filled with fun, creativity and lots of opportunities for learning.

The children have been making the most of the warmer weather by enjoying our pool party, beach-themed sensory and messy play, and a special summer party where they played games, decorated their own cups and shared lots of laughter together. During the recent heatwave, everyone enjoyed a refreshing ice lolly to help keep cool.

We were also incredibly proud of all of the children during our Sports Day. Their enthusiasm, determination and participation were wonderful to see, and they approached every activity with huge smiles and excitement. A big thank you to all of our families for coming along to support the children and for taking part in the parents' race – it was a fantastic way to end such a fun afternoon, and the children absolutely loved cheering everyone on!

Our creative skills have been in full swing too! The children explored a new painting technique through puff painting and proudly created a collaborative piece of artwork to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Village Hall. We would also like to say a huge thank you to one of our parents for kindly donating tomato seeds. The children have loved planting them and are excited to care for them as they grow.

One of the biggest highlights has been watching our caterpillars develop over the past few weeks. The children have been fascinated by each stage of their life cycle, observing them closely each day and discussing the amazing changes taking place. This has sparked lots of curiosity, conversation and learning about nature and growth.

It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm, confidence and friendships continue to flourish as we head towards the end of another fantastic term.

















Kids with Bricks

Some of the fabulous creations from the children at Kids with Bricks club!







Redditch has Talent

We are incredibly proud of the talented pupils representing not only Redditch, but also Webheath Academy Primary School! Hugo (Year 5), Eli (Year 4) and Jaxon (Year 3) wowed audiences as part of their dance team *Next Gen*, from Shaun Paul Smith's Dance Academy, making it all the way to the finals of Redditch Has Talent. Performing at the Palace Theatre, they truly danced their socks off and should be so proud of their achievement.

They were pipped to the post by the amazing Mia (Year 6), whose stunning performance of a song from *Wicked* was exactly that – absolutely wicked! Huge congratulations to Mia on her well-deserved win.

It was also fantastic to spot some of our former pupils lighting up the stage. A special well done to Dottie, Liv and Bella, whose musical performance was fantastic and left us all blown away.

Well done to every single performer – you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. The NHS sets out easy to follow guidance if you click this link:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

We have also attached their poster.

child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Reminders



Supporting a Smooth Transition for Pupils and Parents

We are pleased to be running a series of parent and child transition workshops designed to support families as children move into their next stage of school life. These sessions provide an opportunity for children to become familiar with new routines, expectations, and environments in a calm and supportive setting.

At the same time, parents and carers can gain valuable insights into how best to support their child during this important period of change. The workshops offer practical guidance, time to ask questions, and a chance to connect with staff and other families.

Our aim is to build confidence, reduce anxiety, and ensure that both children and parents feel prepared, reassured, and excited about the transition ahead.

Year 1 (current Reception pupils) - Monday 13th July 1:15pm

Year 2 (current Year 1) - Wednesday 15th July 1:15pm

Year 3 (current Year 2) - Tuesday 14th July 1:15pm

Year 4 (current Year 3) - Wednesday 15th July 9:00am

Year 5 (current Year 4) - Thursday 16th July 9:00am

Year 6 (current Year 5) - Tuesday 14th July 9:00am


Lost Property Reminder – Please Label Clothes!


We've had a *huge* number of emails and phone calls over the past few weeks about lost property. Yesterday, I was able to return several items to children (which was great!), but we still have a very large pile of unclaimed clothing, including:


- ◆ Unnamed clothing
- ◆ Items belonging to children who have now left the school and have been handed down
- ◆ Names written in pen that are now illegible
- ◆ Black felt tip that has bled and can't be read
- ◆ Sticky labels that look lovely... but are already peeling off


Please, please, please label your children's clothes clearly!

This helps *all* staff members – even those who don't know your child – return lost items quickly and easily.

 We strongly recommend checking out the links below to order **Stickins labels** – they seem to survive washing machines and tumble dryers better than any others we've seen!

 A quick tip: Use **first AND last names**, as we have several children with the same first name.

 We genuinely want to return items to families – we know how expensive they can be. Thank you for helping us make that possible!

 **Over the long bank holiday weekend, please take a moment to check and refresh the labelling in all of your children's clothes** – it really does make a huge difference!

Friends Association





Rags to Riches Collection

Rags2Riches Clothing Collection Fundraiser

👉 Next Collection Date Tuesday 7th July 👉

We have one more trial booked for a clothing collection with **Rags2Riches4Schools** to raise some extra money for the pot. Depending on how successful this is, we'll then decide whether to continue with further collections in the next academic year.

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear? **Let's give them a new life!**

What they collect

- Clean, good quality, dry reusable clothing
- Adults, children's & babies clothing
- Paired shoes and footwear
- Jewellery and accessories
- Belts and Handbags

What they don't collect

- Poor quality items such as dirty, wet, ripped or soiled clothing
- Uniform or sports kits
- Socks
- Pillows
- Duvets
- Curtains
- Books or CD's or bric-a-brac

STOP & THINK – *Would you pass it on to a friend to wear?* If not, it's not suitable to donate. Even one item makes a difference, and don't forget to ask your friends, grandparents and neighbours to join in!

Please bring your donations in a clean plastic bag to school on: Tuesday 7th July and drop them in the last parking bay nearest the school gate.

✨ *Did you know? Every bag we fill helps reduce textile waste going to landfill. Clothes are sent to Europe, Africa and beyond, where they are resold at affordable prices, giving them a second life and helping families in need.*

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!

With thanks, The Friends Association

By donating your unwanted, reusable clothes and accessories, you're helping turn them into affordable clothing for others around the world.

What can I recycle?

STOP and think would you wear it?

<p>X No Thank You!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHING.• UNIFORM• SOCKS• PILLOWS• DUVETS• CURTAINS• BOOKS OR CD'S	<p>Yes Please!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY REUSABLE CLOTHING• ADULTS, CHILDREN'S & BABIES CLOTHING• PAIRED SHOES AND FOOTWEAR• JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES• BELTS AND HANDBAGS
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RAGS 2 RICHES Schools


Collection Day!

Our School is raising money by collecting reusable clothes on:

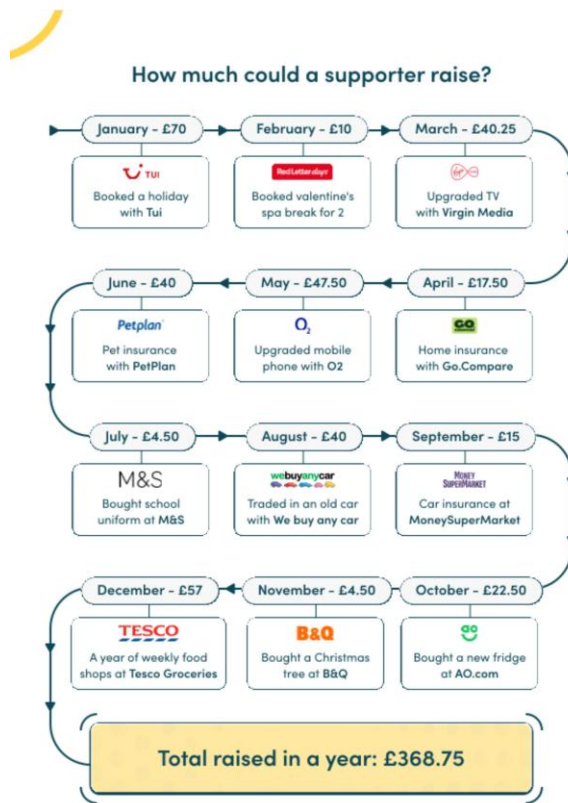
Tuesday 7th July

Please bring your clothes in a clean plastic bag on the morning school run and drop them in the last parking space by the school gate before 9am

Thank you



Sign up to **easyfundraising** and earn funds for the school!



*Donation rates change from time to time
The amounts above were correct as of 2/12/2024

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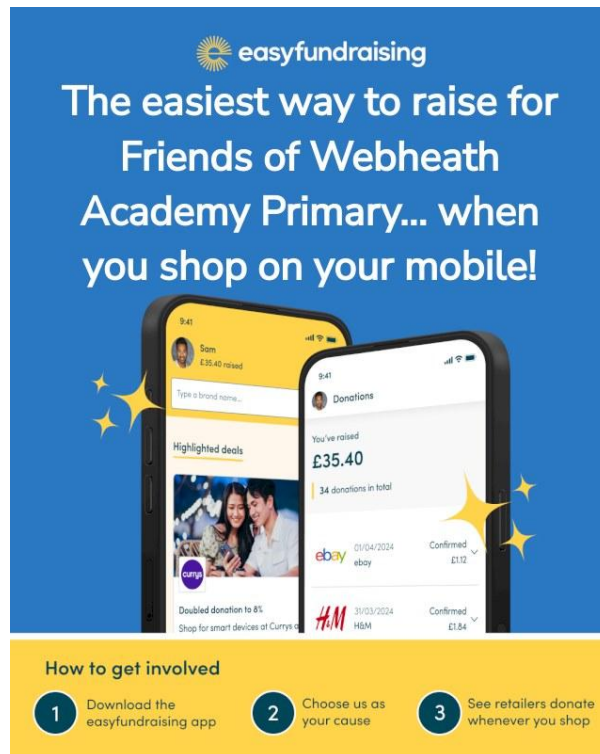
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Once you've joined easyfundraising it takes just 3 clicks and you'll never miss another donation. Visit [easyfundraising](#), click 'browser extension', 'add extension' then 'add to browser' and you're done.

 On a Smartphone

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Stikins - Order Name Labels - Earn Money for School!

Keep Uniform out of Lost Property – Label With Stikins!

We all know how quickly jumpers, cardigans and PE kits can end up in the lost property pile. The simplest way to make sure your child's belongings find their way back home is by clearly labelling everything - and **Stikins name labels** make it quick and easy.

Stikins labels are:

- ✓ Easy to apply - just stick onto the wash-care label
- ✓ No sewing or ironing needed
- ✓ Durable and long-lasting
- ✓ Suitable for clothing, shoes, bags and lunchboxes

Not only will labelling help prevent lost items (and save you replacing uniform!), but it also helps staff return belongings to children quickly and easily.

Support our School While You Shop

Don't forget - every time you buy Stikins labels, **Friends receive 30% commission** from your order, which directly benefits our school.

To make sure your purchase counts, simply click [ORDER HERE](#), quote our fundraising number **24663** and complete your purchase.

It's a simple way to keep track of uniform *and* support school fundraising at the same time. Thank you for your support!

The Friends Association

Who we are and what we do:

<https://webheath.worcs.sch.uk/key-information/friends-of-webheath/>

Join our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1245770362115411/>

Community

We have been contacted by the team who support our Redditch MP, Chris Bloore to say:

Chris has been contacted by a constituent in Lyndenwood, who has told him that parents collecting and taking their children to school on Downsell Road, regularly park in disabled parking spaces and are not displaying a Blue Badge.

He fully understands the difficulties around parking in the area at school drop off and pick up times, however he would be very grateful if someone could possibly remind parents that they should not be parking in disabled bays, unless they are entitled to do so, due to the issues it presents for disabled residents.

This email is for both Schools on Downsell road. Please be considerate to our local community.